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1. Rathenow (Z-15)

- a. The Fourth Artillery Corps, with staff in the former Police Barracks at Rathenow, is commanded by Lt. General Ignatievski. The Corps includes:

6 Artillery Division
34 Artillery Division

2 AAA Division
32 AAA Division (CO: Col. Sakin)

Comment: 34 Artillery Division appears to be a new entry; the other units above are accepted and the information, supplied by a Soviet officer, is therefore evaluated F-1.)

- b. The Sixth Artillery Division, led by Major General Popov and stationed in Rathenow, consists of the following:

10 Artillery Brigade
18 Artillery Brigade
65 Mortar Brigade
25 AT Brigade
124 (?) Brigade

Rathenow
Rathenow (CO: Col. Mityukhin)
Rathenow
Premnitz (Z-14) Equipped with 100 mm guns
Brandenburg (Z-23) Equipped with 48
heavy guns alleged to be of 203 or 230 mm.

- c. During late May 1948, the Sixth Artillery Division was in training at Altengrabow (Z-00).

Identification of Major General Popov also has been made by another Soviet source.)

- d. The Thirteenth AAA Division is now in barracks at Fürstenwalde Airfield (V-33). This division is incomplete and possesses only forty-eight 37 mm guns.

Last identified in Weimar, November 1947.)

- e. The Second AAA Division is split between Potsdam and Nedlitz (Z-63).

- f. The Twenty-third AAA Division was at Altengrabow in late May. Troops were billeted in the woods.

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- g. The Thirty-fourth Artillery Division, comprising three brigades, is at Potsdam. Components are:

30 Artillery Brigade (with sixty-four 152 mm howitzers)
 148 Artillery Brigade (with sixty-four 152 mm howitzers)
 25X1A 76 AT Brigade (with forty-four 100 mm AT guns)

76 AT Brigade is identified by the second Soviet source - the Soviet officer describes it only as a "Rahmenverband" (enlisted cadre?) - who claims that it is part of XXIX Artillery Corps. He also refers to but does not identify another artillery brigade at Altengrabow which possesses sixty-four 152 mm howitzers.)

2. Potsdam-Nedlitz

- a. On 26 May 1948 source counted approximately thirty-three companies occupying the former German barracks in Nedlitz. The gasoline dump held some 2,000 barrels. To the rear of the barracks were twenty 85 mm AA guns in firing position. 25X1A

b. [REDACTED]

- c. Potsdam's Garde du Corps Barracks house only guard details for SMA staffs, with vehicles [REDACTED] 25X1A

3. Oranienburg (Z-67)

Checked on 4 June 1948, Oranienburg Airfield appeared to be in use for training purposes only. Twelve U-2 aircraft, six fighters, and twelve twin-engine planes were seen on the field.

4. Stanken (Z-65)

On 24 May 1948, all hangars were occupied and seventy-six fighter aircraft were seen. Very slanted wing units and absence of propellers indicate these may have been jet types.

5. Weimar (J-57)

- a. The troop commander is General Boldin.
- b. Major General Gorbaichek is deputy to General Kolesnichenko.
- c. In late May 1948, ninety officers and forty-five employees (SMA?) messed at the Elephant Troop Casino. During the third week in May, thirty-five additional officers messed at the SMA Turmhaus quarters. A "supplementary commando" of sixty junior officers made an appearance on 23 May and thirty more artillery captains dined at the mess beginning 28 May.
- d. A considerable number of tanks, AT guns, and supply vehicles were sent west via rail from mid-April to mid-May. The tanks are described as being approximately the size of a Mercedes sports car, with relatively low upper structure and flat turret.
- e. Household furnishings removed from Elephant mess during April and shipped to Ohrdruf (J-15) were returned to Weimar between 18 and 20 May.
- f. [REDACTED]

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g. A forty-car train observed at the Weimar Bahnhof on 29 May was loaded with gasoline supply vehicles [REDACTED]

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6. Erfurt (J-36)

As of 29 May 1948, barracks were still being dismantled by an engineer unit. MVD units have been increased and it is estimated that there are now approximately 600 MVD members in Erfurt.

7. Gera/Jena (J-66/K-06)

Only guard details were observed at barracks in Gera and Jena on 29 May. Units from these towns are believed to be in summer camp at Ohrdruf.

8. Cottbus (A-57)

a. On 22 May 1948 Cottbus barracks were occupied as follows:

Sachsendorf - one motorized infantry battalion (red tabs), with vehicles [REDACTED]

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Hermann Löns - fuel supply battalion; approximately forty tank cars and 2,000 barrels counted. Vehicles in 64-70 series.

Bahnhofstrasse - one MVD battalion, which arrived in early May and has been restricted to quarters. Vehicles in the [REDACTED]

b. On 23 May, twenty twin-engine aircraft resembling the HE III were observed at Cottbus Airfield. They are being used as bomber trainers.

c. Neuhausen Airfield (A-66) is under the Cottbus command. U-2's have been seen there on training flights, towing sleeve targets.

9. Löbau (A-80)

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In addition to the komendatura (thirty men) approximately two companies of MVD troops were at Löbau on 21 May. Vehicles were [REDACTED]

10. Görlitz (B-00)

According to a local resident, on 21 May there were not more than 160 Russians in Görlitz.

11. Spremberg (A-55)

The former armored barracks housed an armored unit with approximately forty JS-2 tanks on 22 May. Vehicles were [REDACTED] These troops, 25X1A alleged to belong to a unit in Lützen, expect to go to Jüterbog, where the Lützen unit has already gone into summer camp.

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